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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Applicant: Milton Charles Van Noland) January 22, 2006
Appl. No.: 10/630,947) Attorney Docket No. RAR467.01
Filing Date: July 30, 2003) Group Art Unit 1723
Title: Filter Apparatus and Method with) Examiner: Menon, Krishnan S.
Centrifugal Separator for Removing)
Contaminants from a Fluid)

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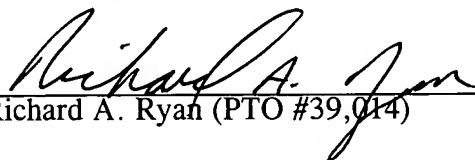
In response to the communication from the Examiner dated September 21, 2005, the applicant respectfully requests that the following amendments be entered pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.115, and reconsideration of the amended application be considered in light of the following:

1. The Examiner's Office Action dated September 21, 2005, provided for a three (3) month shortened statutory period, which expired December 21, 2005. This response/amendment is being filed on January 23, 2006, which is believed to be within the one month extension period (the 21st falling on a Saturday and the 23rd being the Monday immediately thereafter). Therefore, a check in the amount of \$60.00 is included for the extension of time. If an additional extension of time is deemed to be necessary, please consider this a request for therefor.

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1 2. The following materials are enclosed herewith to comply with the Revised
2 Amendment Practice set forth in 37 CFR § 1.121:

3 a. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page
4 3 of this Response/Amendment; and

5 b. Remarks begin on page 12 of this Response/Amendment.

6 3. Enclosed herewith is a Change of Correspondence Address form for the attorney of
7 record, signed by the attorney.

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9 Summary of Claims:

10 Kindly amend claims 1, 13, 18, 19, 21, 23 and 24.

11 Kindly cancel claims 17, 20 and 38-51.